



## **Spring Traveling School Facilitator 2024 Job Description**

### **About Cascades Academy**

Located on a 52-acre award-winning campus, Cascades Academy stands as a leader in academic excellence and experiential learning. Since its inception in 2003, Cascades Academy has expanded to serve 250 students from PreK-12, upholding its foundational pillars. With over two decades of innovation, its dedication to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social-emotional learning remains steadfast. Recognized as one of Oregon's Best Nonprofits to Work For, Cascades Academy offers a collaborative and dynamic workplace, committed to nurturing lifelong learners and leaders.

### **Position Summary**

Cascades Academy seeks a passionate and experienced Spring Traveling School Facilitator to join our team. This unique position offers the opportunity to lead and assist in the development of comprehensive outdoor educational experiences for our students, including our Middle School Traveling School from May 19-24, 2024. The ideal candidate will be deeply committed to experiential learning, with a strong foundation in outdoor education, and a readiness to engage students in meaningful, transformative educational journeys.

### **Responsibilities**

- Facilitate 160 hours of experiential learning, including preparation, lesson planning, and post-travel reflection.
- Assist Thursday expedition blocks focusing on skill development in areas such as belaying, water resources, and camp stove use.
- Assist in teaching during expedition blocks, particularly in outdoor and environmental education.
- Participate in and co-lead multi-day trips ranging from urban environments to whitewater rafting, including traveling with the Middle School Traveling School on May 19-24, 2024.
- Engage in travel logistics planning, including 6-day middle school trips, ensuring a safe and educational experience for all participants.
- Support students in developing a group journal, reflecting on their experiences and learning.
- Manage logistics related to meals and lodging during trips, ensuring all participants' needs are met.
- Uphold the highest standards of safety, including conducting background checks and maintaining first aid certification.
- Driving is not required for this position.



### **Physical Requirements**

- Ability to load and unload buses and participate in outdoor activities, including sleeping on the ground.
- Must be able to engage in physical activities required for the safe and successful facilitation of outdoor expeditions.

### **Qualifications**

- Demonstrated experience in outdoor education, lesson planning, and group facilitation.
- Strong organizational and leadership skills, with the ability to manage multiple aspects of expedition planning and execution.
- A commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion practices.
- Current First Aid and CPR certification preferred.
- Must pass a comprehensive background check.
- Current Oregon State University-Cascades student.

### **Application Instructions**

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and at least 2 letters of recommendation to [hr@cascadesacademy.org](mailto:hr@cascadesacademy.org). No phone calls, please.

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Join us in shaping the next generation of learners and leaders at Cascades Academy. Apply today to be a part of this transformative educational experience.